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Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9 of the application and continuing to page 7, line 23:

In some embodiments of the present invention, the containment devices may not be located immediately proximate to the outer edge of the rotating element in the rotary device. For example, the positions of the containment devices 60a, 60b, 60c in Figure 4 are determined, in part, according to the operation of the gas turbine 50. In particular, the distance between the absorption elements 62a, 62b, 62c and an arc defined by the outermost edge of the rotating element, i.e., the turbine blades 56a, 56b, 56c, can be greater than about 1/10 of the diameter of the respective rotating element. The distance between each turbine blade 56a, 56b, 56c, or other rotating element, and the respective containment device 60a, 60b, 60c can be sufficient for a portion of debris material that breaks from the rotating element to partially rotate before contacting the containment device 60a, 60b, 60c, thereby potentially directing a sharp, broken edge toward the containment device 60a, 60b, 60c. In addition, the length of each base can be shorter than a distance between the second end of the base and the arc defined by the path of the at least one blade. Advantageously, the absorption elements 62a, 62b, 62c, e.g., the caps and/or bases thereof, can be sufficiently strong to resist piercing or other severe damage by the debris material, as described above.